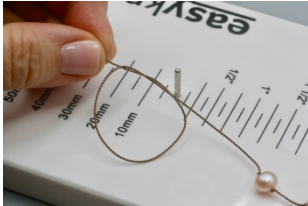# EASYKNOTTER – BASIC INSTRUCTIONS

The EasyKnotter is designed for both right-handed and left-handed people. I am right-handed, so I will be using the right side of the EasyKnotter. Use whichever side is best for you. In these instructions, I will be using the ½" spacing. As you can see, the EasyKnotter has measurements in both inches and millimeters.
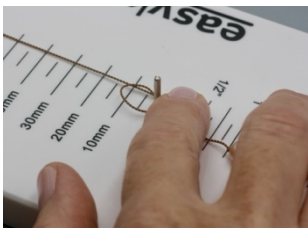
I like to pre-string my beads. That way I can see the design, and it makes the knotting easier and faster. Again, do whatever is best for you.

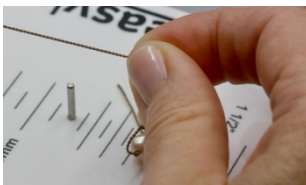**STEP 1** – Create the loop for the knot and bring your cord through the loop

STEP 2 – Place the loop on the post – ALWAYS HAVE THE LOOP FACING YOU.

STEP 3 – To close up the loop on the post, I put my index finger up to the post while pressing down lightly on the loop of the cord while pulling the cord with my opposite hand to close up the loop around the post.

STEP 4 – For the instructions, we are using the ½" measurement. Pull the cord until your previous knot is at the ½" measurement. In the future, use whichever measurement is appropriate for your project.
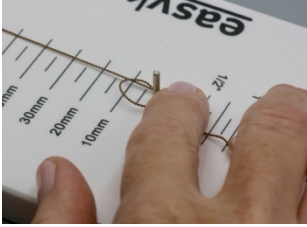
STEP 5 – With your index finger and thumb, lift the knot off the post and give a tug on the cord in your opposite hand, while holding the knot. This will tighten the knot. DO NOT LET GO OF THE KNOT UNTIL YOU HAVE TUGGED ON THE CORD.

STEP 6 – Bring a bead down to the knot you just created. Now, we want a knot on the other side of the bead.

STEP 7 – Create a loop for the knot. Bring the beads and cord through the loop.

STEP 8 – Place the loop, facing you, on the post. Close up the loop of the knot (see Step 3). Pull until the bead is right up to the post. Don't be afraid to pull tight.
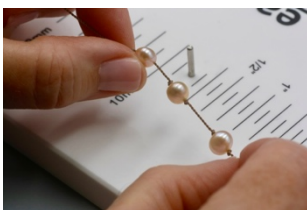
STEP 8 CONTINUED – Let the bead go wherever it wants to go – there will be gaps by the bead and post – do not try to close the gaps and DO NOT bring the bead back to the measurement line. This step is very important. IF YOU TRY TO BRING THE BEAD BACK TO THE MEASUREMENT LINE, THE KNOT WILL NOT BE TIGHT ENOUGH.

STEP 9 – After step 8, bring down the next bead and hold the bead in your hand. Since I am right-handed and using the right side of the board, I will hold the bead with my right hand and the cord with my left hand. When you are about 2" from the knot, gently raise both hands to get the knot off the post and let the knot and bead rest on the board (Notice the bead in my right hand.)

STEP 10 – While holding the cord in one hand and the bead in the other hand THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE POST (again, I am holding the bead with my right hand and cord in my left) – in one quick step – push the bead that is in your hand to the knot while pulling on the cord with your opposite hand. The bead will push the knot close to the bead.

STEP 11 – Repeat this knotting process until your project is complete.

STARTING AND STOPPING A PROJECT USING CRIMP BEADS

Tie a knot at the end of the cord. String on one crimp bead and one closed jump ring. Bring it down to the knot.

With the needle, bring the needle back through the crimp bead, making sure you have secured the closed jump ring.

Using the bottom part of the crimping pliers, crimp the crimp bead up to the closed jump ring.

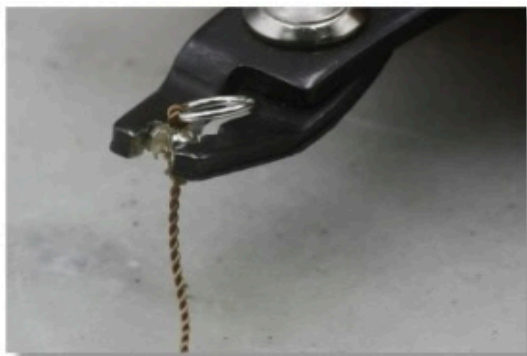Using the top part of the crimping pliers, crimp the crimp bead closed.

Trim the excess cord.

You can either leave the crimp bead as it is, or you can attach a crimp cover. Crimp covers gives it a more finished look.

With the top part of your crimping pliers, pick up the crimp cover.

Capture the crimp bead within the crimp cover and gently close the crimp cover.